

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, as follows:

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Please amend paragraph [0098], at page 20, as follows:

[0098] FIG. 3 shows exemplary frequency spectra (frequency patterns Psvc) obtained by subjecting the pitch-normalized digital voice signal Svc to fast Fourier transform in the voice analyzer 15. In the drawing, a lateral axis indicates frequency f , and a longitudinal axis indicates strength A . Therein, exemplarily, a one-dot line L1 indicates a typical frequency spectrum of the digital voice signal Svd including a voice uttered by a man, ~~while~~ and a broken line L2 indicates a typical frequency spectrum of the digital voice signal Svd including a voice uttered by a woman or a child.

Please amend paragraph [0111], at page 23, as follows:

[0111] As such, the ~~pith~~ pitch of the digital voice signal Svd is changed in accordance with that of the sample voice so that the pitch-normalized digital voice signal Svc is obtained. The problem herein is, increasing the pitch leads to the time axis of the voice waveform becoming shorter, and vice versa, and also changes the speed. To adjust the speed, addition or decimation of the vowel waveforms is done. Since this is the known technique and is not the object of the present invention, neither description nor indication is made herein. Moreover, the frequency of the read-out clock is easily changed with a known technique utilizing a dividing master clock.